



showcased based on the protection of child abuse. The objective of the event was to highlight and address the needs and challenges faced by girls, advocate for their equal rights, voices of girls to be heard in their families, communities, and nations. More than 250 girls participated.

International Girl Child Day

Since 2012, 11th October has been marked as the International Girl Child Day. The day aims to highlight and address the needs and challenges girls face while promoting girls' empowerment and the fulfillment of their human rights. The theme for the year 2019 was 'GirlForce: Unscripted and Unstoppable'.

The International Girl Child Day was observed at Government Girls Senior Secondary School, Bhilwara on October 11, 2019. Childline team provided information about Childline 1098 services and a documentary was

Livelihood Skill Development Training

Livelihood Skill Development Training was provided to 29 self-help groups (SHGs) of Disabled People to enhance the opportunity for their economic empowerment in goat farming, artificial jewellery making, tailoring, wooden craft, washing powder, animal husbandry, spices processing in Chittorgarh. The training proved helpful in developing skills/capability among SHG members to become self-reliant.

Green Action Week Campaign 2019

The Green Action Week (GAW) with the theme of 'Sharing Community' was held at Banswara on October 03, 2019. Gauhar Mahmood briefed the participants about CUTS interventions in the area of sustainable development and highlighted the need for the campaign.

Rajdeep Pareek said that goods and services should be used by taking minimal natural resources into account which, in turn, releases less pollution and waste. Mavji Khant, District Education Officer said that the campaign will make valuable contributions towards achieving sustainable development and students can perform better towards the success of this campaign.

Madhusudan Vyas, Member, Child Welfare Committee asked the community to share assets and services either free of cost or at a nominal price. Madan Lal Keer requested all to come together to create a sustainable model in the district. More than 45 participants participated.



Advocating for Child Rights

A two-day visit of *Sarpanch* under Child Rights for Change Project was held at Rajsamand and Chittorgarh districts of Rajasthan on August 13-14, 2019 respectively. Gauhar Mahmood provided a brief overview of the organisation and its best practices in various projects.

A motivational documentary film *Hivdebazar* was showcased during the interaction meeting. The *Sarpanch* team also visited the model *Gram Panchayat* Bamniya village in Rajsamand district where the lady *Sarpanch* shed light on the programme areas of *Panchayat*, such as enrolling girls in schools, protesting of child marriages, protection of natural resources, linkages with various schemes and developing a community garden. A total of 38 persons attended including 24 *sarpanches*.

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Enhancing Financial Consumer Protection

Nine financial consumer protection workshops were held in Chittorgarh and Bhilwara districts of Rajasthan. The local bank officials and financial literacy coordinator spoke about the importance of financial literacy and urged participants to get financial information and fulfill their demands in banking services. They also provided a brief overview of social security schemes, micro insurance, pension, investment, credit linkage and challenges faced by financial consumers.



More than 776 participants attended the workshops. The major outcomes were: 2693 persons were linked to *Suraksha Bima Yojna* and 1060 Jeevan to *Jyoti Yojna*, 34 to *Sukanya Yojna*, 209 to *Atal Pension*, 158 to labour card and 27 were linked to *Mudra scheme*, etc.

Rural Eye Health Camps

22 Rural Eye Health Camps were conducted jointly with Government Hospital, Ram Snehi Eye Hospital, District Eye Relief Society, Sightsavers and CUTS Centre for Human Development. Total 1219 eye screening of patients was held in camps; 231 cataract patients were identified and 132 were referred to District Government Hospital for eye surgeries.

During July 2018-October 2019, eye screening of 6519 patients was done; 1240 cataract patients were identified and 715 were admitted into the government hospitals for eye surgeries. Six community awareness events were held to make the rural community aware of avoiding blindness and promoting eye health-seeking behaviour as well as addressing myths and misconceptions. Emphasis was laid on the use of spectacles.



Stakeholder's Interface Meeting

Stakeholder's Interface Meeting was organised at Sajjangarh and Gangad Talai on August 08 & 12, 2019 respectively. The aim of the meeting was to provide a platform to various stakeholders for a discussion on child-related issues, information about social security schemes and sensitisation about child rights issues.

Moti Bhuria, *Pradhan*; Sharda Labana, Narendra Kumar and Ashok Kumar from Department of Social Justice and Empowerment' and Madhusudan Vyas, Child Welfare Committee were resource persons.

Capacity Building of Electricity Consumers

CUTS International and Bask Research Foundation, with the support of Shakti Sustainable Energy Foundation (SSEF), has been implementing a project entitled 'Capacity Building of Electricity Consumers' that aims at creating awareness among the rural electricity consumers in six blocks of Rajasthan spread across districts of Chittorgarh, Sawai Madhopur, Bikaner and Jodhpur about their rights and responsibilities.

Consumer Assistance Cells (CONASCs) would be established in these six blocks to assist consumers in grievance redressal processes, educate them about their rights and responsibilities and create a healthy local electricity ecosystem by working with local electricity administration.



It is in this context, Awareness Workshops were held in Chittorgarh and Bhadesar blocks to disseminate information about the role of CONASCs and Discom including consumer rights, safety, electricity theft, electricity-related issues, government schemes etc. The team distributed handouts and reference materials and provided information to the target community about toll free number, status of agriculture power connection, fair billing, quality power supply, complaint redressal mechanism, The local artists of Puppetry and Folk Drama spread the message of the project through their arts, which was easily understood in local dialect.

Social Welfare Week Observed

The Social Welfare Week was organised by the Department of Social Justice and Empowerment, and Disabled People Organisation, at Chittorgarh during October 01-07, 2019. The main aim was to disseminate the information about available schemes and providing assistance devices to persons with disabilities. Sunil Kumar Ojha, District Additional Judge and Secretary, District Legal Service Authority, Assistant Director, District Probationer Officer, SJ&E, Block Social Protection Officer were guests of the event. 15 DPO members were felicitated in the closing ceremony.



Making Banswara Child-labour Free

Eight Bal Sabhas were held in collaboration with the Education Department and Save the Children in September 2019. Various awareness activities were performed, such as signature campaign in schools, cultural and awareness activities by students to make Child Labour-free Banswara.

The project team shared the vulnerability assessment survey findings with schools. The schools pledged not to encourage child labour and requested all participants to come together to make

child labour-free *gram panchayats*. About 1580 students, parents, Child Protection Committee members participated.

Promoting Organic Consumption in Rajasthan

In Promoting Organic Consumption in Rajasthan (ProOrganic II) project, the focus is on sustainable food and farming, and the formulation of an agenda to achieve it. This will be achieved through the promotion of organic production of farm products on one hand, and the promotion of organic consumption, on the other. Consequently, this would lead to sustainable development in the agricultural and environmental sectors.

District Level ProOrganic Workshops cum Farmers Exposure Visits were held at Chittorgarh, Bhilwara and Pratapgarh districts of Rajasthan during September 26-30, 2019. Gauhar Mahmood, Assistant Director and Gourav Chaturvedi provided information about the importance of organic farming and the purpose of the training to build the capacity of farmers to adopt traditional farming.

Deepak Saxena and Rajdeep Pareek spoke about the project which is developing a culture of sustainable development on organic farming, such as setting up the community seed bank and vermin-compost cell with the help of farmers; developing organic gardens and creating a demand of organic consumption among consumers.

The resource persons highlighted the importance and necessity of organic farming, quality seeds, soil management, cattle rearing, and agriculture. The farmers made exposure visits in all three districts. The aim was to enable farmers to interact with and learn from each other about sustainable practices in organic farming. A total of 205 farmers attended.



Giving Poorest Consumers Greater Voice

CUTS CHD, under the project entitled, 'Giving Poorest Consumer Greater Voice' organised various community-level awareness events, such as puppet shows, snakes and ladder games, drama, quizzes, women group and community meetings, child clubs at Eral and Netawalgarh *gram panchayats*.

The main aim was to evaluate the respondents about consumer rights and responsibilities and make them aware of using safe and sustainable products and improving their health and wellbeing. The local artists delivered the message through folk song and puppet shows, which was eye-catching

among the community. LED bulbs and clothes bags were given to winning participants. A total of 740 consumers attended.

VISITORS

- Satish Kumar, Finance Officer, Save the Children visited CUTS CHD for a financial review of CRR Project on August 22-23, 2019.
- Amaresh Pandey, Programme Manager, and Tushita Mukerjee, Programme Officer at Sightsavers India attended Accredited Social Health Activist (ASHA) training on September 19, 2019.
- George Cheriyan attended the meeting of the Panchayat-level Child Protection Committee in Banswara and ProOrganic Workshop in Gangrar to assess the progress of various projects on August 19-20, 2019.
- Ashwani Sharma, Deputy Director, Social Justice and Empowerment; Suman Trivedi, Chairperson, Child Welfare Committee; Ram Niwas, Incharge, Human Trafficking Unit; Dharmraj Pratihaar, Incharge, Juvenile Home; Sanket Modi, Deputy Labour Commissioner; Rajaram Sukhwai, Deputy Director, Horticulture; Rajender Solanki, Scientist, Krishi Vigyan Kendra; Sachin Badetia, District Development Manager, National Bank for Agricultural and Rural Development; and Rekha Jain, Rajasthan Skill and Livelihoods Development Corporation visited CUTS CHD with regard to various projects.
- Farmer Producer Organisation members visited Ago-fair organised by Agriculture Science Centre on September 17, 2019, under Jal Shakti (Water harvesting). CP Joshi, Member of Parliament appreciated the active participation of 150 farmers.

Visit of Global Team Sightsavers, UK

Juliet Milgate, Director, Policy, Advocacy and Programme Strategy; Andrew Griffiths, Head Advocacy, Policy and Programme; Prasanna Kumar, Director, Programme Operation; and Nalini Vas, Global Advocacy Adviser from Global Sightsavers UK visited CUTS CHD and interacted with members of the district partner organisations (DPOs) about milestone achievements, challenges and strategies to create a best model in the area of disability.

Shivangi Swarankar, District Magistrate, Chittorgarh; and Ashwani Sharma, Assistant Director, Social Justice and Empowerment, Chittorgarh applauded the excellent work done by CUTS through their DPOs in an inclusive election, accessibility of buildings, promote the scheme of Social Justice Department through the participation in welfare camps, etc.



CHD REPRESENTATIONS

- Gauhar Mahmood participated in a 'National Road Safety Conference' at New Delhi on September 25, 2019. Experts from 20 states came forward in support of the new Motor Vehicles Act 2019.
- Madan Giri, Puran Mal and Mohan Meghwal attended the 'State-level DPO meeting' at Udaipur on September 16-17, 2019.
- Gourav Chaturvedi and Hemant Singh attended a workshop on 'Role and Responsibility of District Task Force Members in Prevention of Child Marriage and Implementation of *Bati Bachao Beti Padhao*' on August 09 & September 25, 2019, respectively.
- Gourav Chaturvedi attended Health Awareness and Elimination of Superstitious on organised by the District Legal Service Authority, at Bhilwara on September 25, 2019.
- Gauhar Mahmood attended the 'Measles and Rubella Campaign' meeting on August 13, 2019.
- Madan Giri attended a two-day 'Mentorship Training' at Jaipur on October 18-19, 2019 to build the capacity of functionaries of structures under ICPS.
- Madan Giri, Puran Mal and Gauhar Mahmood met with Chetaram Devra, District Collector, Chittorgarh in regard to SVEEP Campaign and Child labour rescue on October 31, 2019.

Women of the Future Award 2019 was given to Anita Prajapat, a 19 years old, physically-challenged who worked for social inclusion of PwDs.

Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan organised by the District Education Department provided 160 medical certificates to specially-abled children on October 11-12, 2019.

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महिला सिलाई केन्द्र का शुभारंभ

चित्तौड़गढ़. 'कट्स' मानव विकास केन्द्र रावला सेंटी में शुरू वार को महिला सिलाई केन्द्र का शुभारंभ हुआ। 'कट्स' मानव विकास केन्द्र के केन्द्र समन्वयक गोहर महमूद ने कि कपड़े की थेलियां बनाकर बाजार में बेचने का प्रयास करें ताकि प्लास्टिक की इण्डिया की कल्पना साकार हो सके। जे.के. सिमिण्ट वर्क्स निम्बाहेड़ा की नम्रता वृष्णी एवं सामाजिक न्याय अधिकारिता विभाग के उपनिदेशक अश्विनी कुमार शर्मा थे। नम्रता

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प्रतिभाओं का किया सम्मान



बोजुन्दा की अनिता प्रजापत को मिला राज्य स्तरीय पुरस्कार

चित्तौड़गढ़ (बढ़ता राजस्थान)। महिलाओं के सर्वाधिकार एवं महिलाओं द्वारा सामाजिक परिवर्तन के लिए किये जा रहे प्रयासों में महिलाओं का उत्साहवर्धन हेतु प्रयासरत विमेन ऑफ दी फ्यूचर अवार्ड नामक नेटवर्क द्वारा 6 सितम्बर को साथ सरकारी योजनाओं से जोड़ने एवं जिला पर गठित दिव्यांगजनों के संगठन मजबूती प्रदान करने के प्रयासों को ध्या रखते हुए अनिता प्रजापत का इस स



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